



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

City Commission Workshop

Monday, January 23, 2017

5:30 PM

Deltona Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – CITY CLERK:

Present: 7 - Commissioner Alcantara
Commissioner Bradford
Commissioner Herzberg
Commissioner Honaker
Commissioner Soukup
Vice Mayor Nabicht
Mayor Masiarczyk

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The City Commission and staff said the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – Citizen comments limited to items not on the agenda and comments on items listed on the agenda will take place after discussion of each item.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened and closed the meeting for public comments as there were none.

4. BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance/Resolution: Septic Systems

Public Works Director Matt Doan gave a brief presentation on the Volusia Blue Spring Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) Update and Septic system.

The presentation included septic regulations, Senate Bill No. 552, Blue Spring Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP), a BMAP update, Prevention and Recovery Strategy Plans, the BMAP process, BMAP characteristics, Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act (F.S. 373.801-373.813), Volusia Blue Spring Priority Focus Area (PFA), Florida Blue Spring Loading, Septic Tank Discussion, septic tanks are not designed for removing nitrogen, The Volusia Blue Estimated Loading to ground water, the Type of Sewer Service in Deltona, Nitrogen Reduction of Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System (OSTDS), Current Laws and Guidelines, the Deltona Water Mission Statement,

the City Ordinance (Sec. 68-115), Florida Statutes chapter 381 section 87, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Responsibilities, Best Management Practices (BMPs), the City's standing and the benefits and drawbacks of creating a potential Ordinance & Resolution.

The Commission and staff discussed OSTDS's for residents, the bill that would require to have all residential septic tanks inspected, if pumping septic tanks has an effect on nitrogen levels, how many septic systems are in the critical portion of the BMAP and would need to be replaced, the number of times the City has forced a resident to go on sewer, what other cities have done to prepare for the BMAP and putting money aside to offset the cost of eliminating septic tanks for residents.

Commissioner Herzberg asked the City's Lobbyist about House Bill 285 by Representative Randy Fine and Georgia McKeown with GA McKeown and Associates explained House Bill 285.

Commissioner Herzberg spoke about bills that look to clean up the water, tourism, the Indian River Lagoon, not supporting making residents go from septic to sewer and the Fisher Wastewater Treatment Plant being upgraded.

Commissioner Honaker asked what an OSTDS as shown on slide 17 would cost a resident and Public Works Director Matt Doan replied the cost can vary from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

The Commission and staff discussed who performed the study, how recent the study was, how the FDEP got the results for the study, nitrogen levels, Deltona Water's mission statement, the cost of water, the cost of watering the grass, Deltona Water's profit for fiscal year 2016/2017, the cost of a resident being on sewer, the cost of paying for water and septic outside of the City, swale drainage systems, the level of water in Blue Springs, Minimal Flow Regime (MFR), Manatees in Blue Springs, nitrogen being filtered out naturally, state mandates regarding sewer, the Blue Springs Spring Shed, the drawbacks to passing a City ordinance that prohibits the City from forcing residents to use sewer, capturing nitrogen, sewer nodes, the Department of Health's study on Volusia County Septic Systems in 2013, grants, irrigation meters, creating a resolution against forcing residents to sewer instead of an ordinance, Marion County's test pilot and creating a penny tax.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened the meeting for public comments.

Troy Shimkus, 1397 Winterville Street, Deltona, asked when the 20 years started.

Mayor Masiarczyk replied that the 20 years has not started yet.

Mr. Shimkus stated he took comfort in knowing nothing will happen soon, that he appreciated the debate against the ordinance, that he appreciates the sentiment that the Commission will not require residents to do anything and he stated he did not believe writing an ordinance would be misleading. Mr. Shimkus challenged the Commission to

put an Ordinance in place that proposes what the City would do if the State were to implement going to sewer and he asked if there is a study that shows how reclaimed water for irrigation would impact nitrogen levels.

Public Works Director Matt Doan explained the nitrogen levels in reclaimed water on slide 14 and clarified that the BMAP is 20 years from when it is adopted.

Commissioner Herzberg asked about the residents that are on Del North and how the Ordinance would affect them.

Karen Coverdale, 2734 Dristol Lane, Deltona, asked how much it costs to hook up to sewer.

Public Works Director Matt Doan replied it would cost approximately \$4,000 to \$4,200 plus the cost of a plumber, the cost to abandon the tank and any applicable impact fees and that the total would be approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Ms. Coverdale asked how the upgrade to put the lines in would be paid for.

Mayor Masiarczyk replied there is no process in place as of right now and that if the State were to mandate going to sewer then the residents would have to help pay for it because the City does not have money set aside for this.

Ms. Coverdale asked what the percentage of an increase for a family of 4 to go from septic to sewer would be.

Mayor Masiarczyk replied that his guess would be approximately \$100.

Mayor Masiarczyk closed the meeting for public comments.

Mayor Masiarczyk asked if any Commissioners were attending former Commissioner Wheatley's 90th birthday party, he would be there at approximately 4:15 p.m. and that Commissioner Bradford will be reading the proclamation.

Mayor Masiarczyk stated that State Representative Bill McCullough, his wife and son were killed in an accident in DeLeon Springs on January 22, 2017 and he expressed his sincere prayers to the family.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Karissa Green, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT